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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/266,935; Filed: March 12, 1999  
For: **Compositions and Methods for Enhanced Synthesis of Nucleic Acid Molecules**

Inventors: *Li et al.*  
Our Ref: 0942.4560001/RWE/BJD

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

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6. A copy of each of the 13 cited documents; and
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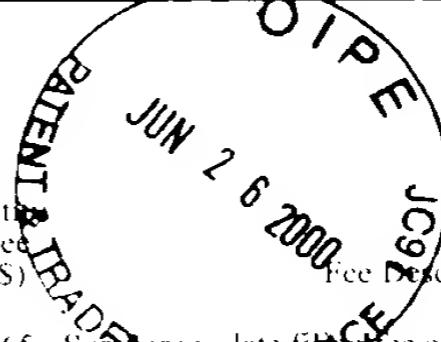
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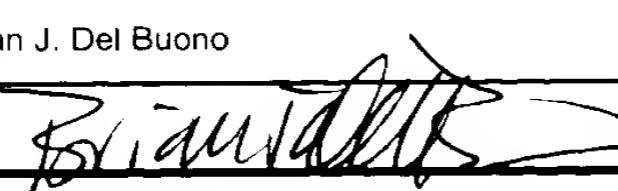
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